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A soldier from from the 3rd Infantry Division's Old Guard at Fort Myer, Va., perform for Korean War veterans during a musical Tattoo on July 27. For more of the Committee's 2001 year in pictures, turn to Page 4.

Committee Spotlight

Monica McIntosh

Job title : Administrative Coordinator

Job description: Respond to the telephone/mail inquiries regarding Korean War and the committee from veterans, veteran service organizations, 21 nations embassies and others. Help the operation officers in coordination with Korean Embassy and Korean Consulates, AKWC regarding ceremonies and events.

Birthday: August 27

Time with committee: since Dec. 12, 2001

Hometown: Seoul, Korea

Favorite food: Spaghetti, Korean food, of course Mandoo-kuk (dumpling soup), Maewoon-tang (hot and spicy fish soup)

Favorite hobby: Playing tennis

Most rewarding aspect of job: Meeting veterans and listening to their first hand stories



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Korean War Hero: Veterans whom I haven't talk with and met yet. **See more committee members on Page 8.**



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Pentagon wants your help

If you have dog tag or any other kind of information that may concern a missing American that has not returned from a war in which our nation has engaged, the Pentagon's POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) would appreciate you forwarding that information to the following mailing address:

OASD/ISA (DPMO)
Attn: Charles Henley
2400 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-2400

In addition, DPMO wants blood samples from maternal relatives of missing servicemembers to perform DNA matching tests.

"Contact with most of the families of Korean War missing was lost of the 50 years," said J.Alan



Liotta, acting deputy assistant secretary of Defense for DPMO told VFW Magazine. "We have located about 36 percent of the family members for more than 8,100 Korean War MIA's. ... But we are far short of our goal and we need your help."

This Date in History

Jan. 9, 1950: US 2nd Infantry Division elements, with attached French and Netherlands battalions, occupied the high ground south of Wonju. An attempt by the 23rd Infantry Regiment to drive the enemy from the town was repulsed in the bitter cold.

Jan. 9, 1951: Gen. Douglas MacArthur indicated that he had little hope of defending Korea unless given reinforcements and authority to carry the war to the Chinese homeland.

Jan. 9, 1953: B-29 Superfortress bombers and Fifth Air Force fighter-bombers struck Pyongyang and the Sinanju complex.

Jan. 8-15 1951: US 2nd Infantry Division, with attached French and Netherlands battalions, stopped the Chinese Communist drive south of Wonju.

Jan. 8, 1951: Seizing the opportunity during a one-day break in the weather, Fifth Air Force Shooting Stars, Thunderjets, and Mustangs provided X Corps fifty close air support sorties. Afterward the weather moved in again and Fifth Air Force was forced to completely stand down operations.

Jan. 8, 1952: The Communists rejected non-forcible repatriation of prisoners of war.

Jan. 5, 1952: Far East Air Forces medium bombers completed their 12,000th combat sortie of the war.

Jan. 4, 1951: UN forces evacuated Seoul. Eighth Army regrouped behind the Pyongtaek—Wonju—Samchok line as Seoul fell to the Communists for the second time in the war. The 27th Commonwealth Infantry Brigade covered the UN

withdrawal, then blew the bridges over the Han. Naval guns of Task Force 90 held the Communists at bay while 69,000 UN troops withdrew by sea from the port of Inchon on Amphibious Group 3 vessels.

Jan. 3, 1951: The Netherlands Battalion saw its first action northeast of Hoengsong.

Far East Air Forces planes inflicted 2,650 enemy troop casualties in a single attack. The 958 sorties flown by FEAF were the most since the beginning of hostilities.

Capt. Albert C. Seibourn became the first U.S. Army aviator in the Korean War to conduct a battlefield evacuation mission in a helicopter.

Jan. 3, 1953: The carrier USS Valley Forge returned to Korean waters for its fourth tour of duty.

Jan. 2, 1951: The UN Cease-Fire Group reported the Chinese rejection of their efforts. Meanwhile, the UN Command proposed non-forcible repatriation for prisoners of war of both sides.

Sergeant First Class Junior D. Edwards, E Company, 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, became the 46th Korean War Medal of Honor recipient.

Jan. 1, 1951: Communist Third Phase Offensive began with an attack on a 44-mile front with the main effort along the Yongchon-Uijongbu-Seoul axis. In less than a week the Communists pushed UN forces fifty miles below the 38th Parallel and recaptured Seoul.

Jan. 1, 1951: General MacArthur told the Japanese that the Korean War might force Japan to rearm.

Jan. 1, 1952: A one-month artillery and air bombardment of Communist positions began.

The Communists agreed in principle to repatriation of civilians and to supply additional information on the 50,000 UN soldiers not on the Communist prisoner list of 18 on December 1951.

Dec. 31, 1950: The Chinese began their Third-Phase Offensive.

The 726th Transportation Truck Company, the first Army National Guard unit in Korea, arrived at Pusan.

Dec. 31, 1951: The U.S. Navy destroyer USS Marshall fired over 5,600 five-inch shells at enemy positions in eastern Korea during the month of December. This was more than she had fired against the enemy during all of her service in World War II.

Dec. 30, 1950: The body of Eighth Army commander Lieutenant General Walton Walker, killed in a jeep accident on December 23, was flown to the US for burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

Dec. 28, 1952: The Far East Air Force mounted its heaviest bombing attack since August 1952 with a 200-plane attack against targets southwest of Pyongyang.

Dec. 29, 1950: The Associated Press named General of the Army Douglas MacArthur the outstanding newsmaker of 1950. Time Magazine selected "GI Joe" as the Man of the Year.

Dec. 29, 1951: The Communists agreed to exchange lists of POWs who had died or escaped.

Commemoration partner events



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U.S. Soldiers and Airmen's Home



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Department of Transportation



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THE KOREAN WAR
1950-1953

Department of the Interior



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Greer Brothers



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1950-1953

Local and National Events



African American ceremony



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Wreath laying ceremonies



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SSG Robert K. Timmons

THE KOREAN WAR
1950-1953

Chicago



SSG Stacy Merriwether



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Tattoo at Ellipse in Washington, D.C.



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Interational Events

Battle of the Outposts, South Korea



SSG Robert K. Timmons

THE KOREAN WAR
1950-1953

Committee Spotlight

Army Sergeant 1st Class Ed Miller

Job Title: Non Commissioned Officer In Charge, Commemoration Partners

Job Summary: Enroll Commemoration Partners, stay in communication with them regarding scheduled events, support we can provide and materials we can provide them with.

Hometown: Buffalo, N.Y.

Birthday: Sept. 22

Time With Committee: 3 Years 4 Mon.

Favorite Food: Real Chicken Wings

Favorite Hobby: Reading

Most Rewarding Aspect of Job: Having the opportunity and privilege of talking to and visiting with Korean



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War Veterans on a daily basis.

Korean War Heroes: ALL of the veterans who served over there.



SSG Stacy Merriwether

Lt. Gary Jones, U.S. Coast Guard

Job title: Operations officer

Job summary: Support local national and international events hosted by committee

Hometown: Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., grew up on Staten Island.

Birthday: June 23rd

Time on the committee: 7 months

Favorite Food: Cheese cake topped with strawberries

Favorite Hobby: Playing flag football

Rewarding Part of Job: Recognizing veterans

Korean War Hero: Ensign Jesse L. Brown